

A regular Stated Conclave of Boston Commandery was opened by the Eminent Commander at 5.50 P.M. on Wednesday January 18, 1956 with all officers present except the Captain General, also Treasurer Frank B. Ellis who was reported ill.

Following devotions, the minutes of meetings held on December 7, 1955 and December 21, 1955 were read and declared approved. Receipt of four applications for the Orders were reported by the Recorder.

The following applications were duly acted upon, under proper dispensation, and releases of jurisdiction having been courteously granted by Sir Galahad Commandery of Waltham:

Charles T. Mooney,	1145 Massachusetts Ave.,	Lexington
Jasper A. Lane	177 Waltham Street,	Lexington
Richard A. Benson	282 Cypress Street,	Brookline

There being no work scheduled, the Eminent Commander closed Boston Commandery in short form, following which dinner and an exceptional entertainment were enjoyed by the Sir Knights.

Attest:

Robert Gardiner Wilson
Recorder

A regular Stated Conclave of Boston Commandery was opened by the Eminent Commander at 5.10 P.M. on Wednesday, February 15, 1956 with all officers present.

Following devotions, the minutes of the regular Stated Conclave held on January 18, 1956 were read and approved.

Favorable ballot was taken on the applications of Lester C. Gustin Jr., Robert H. Belting, Ernest V. Tate, and Constantine A. Chaprales. The Recorder reported proper dispensation received from the Grand Commandery; also proper release of jurisdiction courteously granted by Gethsemane Commandery of Newtonville.

The Eminent Commander reported the following to have received the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and the Order of Malta through the knightly courtesy of Reading Commandery on Monday, February 13, 1956: Gordon S. Borek, Dr. Charles T. Mooney, Jasper A. Lane, and Richard A. Benson.

The above four Companions, together with Percival B. Daye, thereupon received the Order of the Temple.

After appropriate devotions the Commandery was duly closed.

Attest:

Robert G. Anderson
Recorder

Boston, Mass., January 30, 1956 A. O. 838

OFFICIAL ORDER NO. 2
Series 1955-1956

TO THE EMINENT COMMANDERS, RECORDERS AND SIR KNIGHTS
OF THIS GRAND JURISDICTION

Greetings:

You are requested to adhere to the following RESOLUTION:

"A resolution was adopted at the 46th Triennial Conclave, of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America, establishing a Knights Templar Eye Foundation for treatment, research and hospitalization of needy sufferers from eye diseases or injuries which, if untreated, would result in blindness, was adopted. This project is to treat all persons regardless of race, color, creed, age, sex, or national origin, shall be free and the pre-requisite for admission shall be the inability of the patient to pay for such treatment or hospitalization. An annual assessment of \$1.00 per year (less than 2¢ per week) per member shall be levied upon each Grand and Subordinate Commandery of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, of the United States of America, based upon membership therein beginning July 1st, 1956, which shall be paid to the Grand Encampment not later than July 1st, 1957. Kindly send to the Grand Recorder's office with your Annual Return each year."

It is my order that the RECORDERS LEVY A \$1.00 ASSESSMENT upon all members, including Life Members, on their bill for annual dues to begin with July 1, 1956, same to be reported and paid with your ANNUAL RETURNS submitted to Grand Commandery Office under date of June 30, 1957 and thereafter.

It is my ORDER that this communication be read at the next Conclave following its receipt and spread upon the records.

Given under my hand and the Seal of this Grand Commandery on this 30th day of January 1956.

Courteously yours,

Mortimer W. Schroeder
GRAND COMMANDER

ATTEST:

George A. Weeber
GRAND RECORDER

A Stated Conclave of Boston Commandery of Knights Templar was duly opened by the Eminent Commander at 4.30 P.M. in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, Boston, on Wednesday, March 21, 1956 with all officers present except the Prelate.

Customary devotions were rendered by Eminent Sir Elmer Robinson.

The minutes of the Stated Conclave held on February 15, 1956 were read and approved.

The Recorder read letter of acknowledgement from the widow of our late Past Eminent Commander Page in grateful appreciation of floral remembrance received by her from Boston Commandery on December 31, 1955.

Letter was also read from Sir Knight John W. Foote of the Air Force reporting pleasing details of recent visit with United Preceptory of London, England, on February 25, and the Recorder reported letter of Knightly greetings, with reference to the same, forwarded the Eminent Knight Paul Nicholas Headley, Preceptor of Keystone Preceptory, London.

Annual Inspection for 1956 began promptly with full form opening at 5 P.M. all officers and Guards being present.

Following completion of the First Section, excellently rendered, the Commandery was recessed for the customary buffet.

The Commandery reconvened promptly at 7.45 P.M. for reception of the Inspecting Officer and suite, Inspection and Review, and completion of the work.

Officially announced by the Deputy Grand Warder, Eminent Sir John J. Mick, the Inspecting Officer, Grand Senior Warden Elliot N. Holley, was received with a large and distinguished suite numbering 33 as follows:

The Right Eminent Grand Commander M.W. Schroeder; Past Grand Commanders Frank H. Wilson, R.G. Wilson Jr., and Harry M. Taft; Grand Captain General Alfred Blake of Boston Commandery; Grand Senior Warden Clarence E. Booth; Grand Sword Bearer Raymond Douglass; Deputy Grand Warder L. A. Waterman; Past Grand Warders J.L. Hooper, and Frank B. Ells of Boston Commandery; Grand Sentinel Clarence R. Davis

Inspector Instructor Clyde L. Carter; Eminent Commanders Clyde E. Oakes of Trinity Commandery of Augusta, Maine, John B. Marden of Temple Commandery, C.L. Crawford of Cyprus Commandery and T.C. Brown of Thomas Smith Webb Commandery; and Past Commanders J.W. Leavitt of Trinity, G.H. Robinson of Reading, G.G. Machon of Thomas Smith Webb, Fred Tebbets of Hugh de Payens, R.S. Adams of Natick, C.G. Parsons of De Molay, R.M. Lavallee of Ivanhoe, F.E. Lavallee of Ivanhoe, H.Y. Follett of Quincy, R.E. Noble of De Molay and H.A. Taylor of Ivanhoe; Generalissimo H.F. Bell of St. Omer, S.W. Patten Jr. of Hugh de Payens and J.C. Reid of De Molay; Captain Generals R.W. Currie of Gethsemane, F.M. Henderson of Winslow Lewis Commandery, and H.B. Green of Hugh de Payens.

The official count was announced as 280 members and 7 visitors. Official membership of Boston Commandery as of this date was reported as 121 Life Members and 1114 regular members, a total of 1235, together with one Honorary Member.

Especially in view of crippling snow storm which occurred on Monday evening, March 19, as a result of which transportation was stopped and dress rehearsal of the Commandery necessarily cancelled, both the inspection and review, as well as the ritual, were splendidly performed, and an official mark of 10 minus was announced. The Inspecting Officer particularly complimented the Eminent Commander.

Following appropriate remarks by the Inspecting Officer, the Right Eminent Grand Commander also addressed the Sir Knights, and incident thereto presented Eminent Commander Clyde Oakes of Trinity Commandery of Augusta, Maine, and Past Commanders Lavallee of Ivanhoe Commandery, Gardner, Massachusetts.

A collation to follow adjournment was announced, after which the Inspecting Officer officially retired with his suite.

Following devotions the Commandery was declared closed at 9.30 P.M.

Attest:

Robert Gardner Wilson
Recorder

A regular Stated Conclave of Boston Commandery of Knights Templar was opened by the Eminent Commander promptly at 6 P.M. on Wednesday, April 18, 1956 with all officers present except the Senior Warden and Warder. The Junior Warden was excused from attendance by the Commander. Sir Knight Francis Heiligmann acted as Senior Warden, Eminent Sir James C. Bayley as Junior Warden, and Sir Knight Charles D. Harrington as Warder.

Following the customary devotions the minutes of the regular Conclave held on March 21, 1956 were read and approved after minor correction.

Ballot was then had on the applications of Harold A. Congdon Jr. and Antonio Farfares, and both Companions were elected to receive the Orders.

Eminent Sir Harold Budreau called attention to the birth of Robert Gardiner Wilson IV on April 6'th and the Recorder was directed to obtain his application at the earliest available date.

The Recorder read letter of acknowledgment from Mrs. Edna A. Coleman, widow of the late Sir Knight Coleman, for flowers received from Boston Commandery by direction of the Eminent Commander on Easter.

On motion of the Recorder it was voted to remit any unpaid dues of Sir Knight John I. Mull of Andover, N.H., and grant his requested demit.

Communications were read from the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment calling attention to contribution of 15 cents per member to be collected during 1956 for completion of Knights Templar Room in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia.

The Eminent Commander then announced the loss by death of the following Sir Knights, in addition to the death of Sir Knight Alexander Bender on October 17, 1955 previously reported:

Thomas Phelps Leonard of 14 Harriet Ave., Belmont Mass.
Born May 22, 1902.
Member of Mount Olivet Lodge and Cambridge Royal Arch
Knighthood in Boston Commandery October 18, 1950. Chapter
Died November 21, 1955.

Theodore N. Waddell, of 9 Maple Road, Winthrop, Mass.

Born April 4, 1876

Member of Proctorville Lodge #550 of Ohio, and Winthrop
Knighthood in William Parkman Commandery Dec. 12/23 (Chapter
Joined Boston Commandery by consolidation February 20, 1952
Died November 28, 1955.

John E. Caulkins, of 59 Commonwealth Ave., Boston

Born May 7, 1882

Member of Brainard Lodge #102 of Connecticut, and St. And-
Knighthood in Boston Commandery June 15, 1921 (rews Chapter
Died December 5, 1955.

Henry J. Duemmling, of 266 West Newton St., Boston

Born February 19, 1892

Member of Joseph Webb Lodge and St. Paul's Chapter
Knighthood in Boston Commandery April 16, 1952.
Died December 17, 1955.

Frank G. Balcom, of 3 Chester Ave., Winthrop

Born November 5, 1872

Member Doric Lodge #78 of N.H. and Winthrop Chapter
Knighthood in Boston Commandery April 9, 1914
Died January 11, 1956

Charles Elijah Carlton, of 33 Agassiz St., Cambridge

Born August 1, 1872

Member of Mizpah Lodge, and Cambridge Chapter
Knighthood in Boston Commandery December 18, 1901
Died January 24, 1956.

Dr. Frank Andrew Hamilton, of 1381 Commonwealth Ave., Bos-
ton

Born December 26, 1879

Member The Harvard Lodge, and St. Andrew's Chapter
Knighthood in Boston Commandery June 17, 1953
Died February 12, 1956

Arthur G. Saben, 75 Federal Street, Boston

Born September 29, 1899

Member of Seaview Lodge & St. Andrews Chapter
Knighthood in Boston Commandery March 17, 1924.
Died February 20, 1956.

Clyde B. Dinsmoor, of 8 Meredith Ave., Newton Highlands

Born July 23, 1888

Member of Saint John's Lodge & St. Andrews Chapter
Knighthood in Boston Commandery May 16, 1951
Died March 10, 1956

Walter F. Winchester, of 18 Englewood Ave., Brookline

Born December 24, 1874

Member of Columbian Lodge & St. Paul's Chapter
Knighthood in Boston Commandery November 17, 1915.
Died March 28, 1956.

The customary tribute was paid to the memory of these Sir Knights.

The Eminent Commander thereupon closed Boston Commandery on the Order of the Temple, and a Council of the Illustrious Red Cross was opened, following which the Commandery recessed for supper at 6.35 p.m.

At 8 p.m. work was resumed and the Order of the Red Cross was duly conferred in full form, under the able direction of Eminent Sir Charles D. Harrington, with Eminent Sir James C. Bayley as Zerubbabel, on the following Companions:

Robert H. Belting
Lester C. Gustin Jr.
Antonio Farfares
Constantine A. Chaprales

On completion of the Red Cross, the above candidates received the Order of Malta under the direction of Sir Francis R. Heiligmann.

After appropriate devotions the Commandery was closed.

Attest:

Robert Gardiner Wilson Jr.

Robert Gardiner Wilson Jr.
Recorder

A regular Stated Conclave of Boston Commandery of Knights Templar, was opened by the Eminent Commander at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, 1956 in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, 51 Boylston Street, Boston, with all officers present except the Captain General who was reported ill.

Following the customary devotions the minutes of the April conclave were read and approved after minor correction.

The Commandery, by the usual ballot, then acted favorably on the following applications:

Peter S. Vasil, of Belmont
Harold W. Haase, of Guatemala City
Wesley M. Goff Jr. of Cambridge
Leon N. Nolker of Brighton
also Sir Knight Arthur L. Albee of Jamaica Plain
for affiliation

The necessary Dispensation was presented, and also Demit of Sir Knight Arthur Leonard Albee from Saint Bernard Commandery dated May 9, 1956.

The Recorder reported the expressed hope of Companion Haase to unite with others in the formation of a Commandery of Knights Templar in Guatemala City.

On motion of the Commander it was voted to remit 1956 dues of Sir Knight Edward A. Nicholson, in view of his accident, and his payment of dues for 1954 and 1955.

The Eminent Commander announced the deaths of the following Sir Knights:

Charles F. Tarbox, 27 Willard Street, East Braintree
Born June 9, 1884
Member of Delta Lodge, and Pentalpha Royal Arch Chapter
Knighted in Boston Commandery February 18, 1953.
Died October 28, 1954.

John B. Proudfoot, 174 Westminster Street, Arlington
Born March 1, 1885
Member of Hiram Lodge, and Menotomy Chapter
Knighted in Boston Commandery May 16, 1951
Died May 13, 1956

The customary tribute was paid to these departed Sir Knights.

The Eminent Commander stressed the importance of early responses made to Eminent Sir James C. Bayley, with reference to tickets for Templar Knight at Symphony Hall Pops on June 5. He also urged attendance on Sunday, May 20, Boston Commandery having again been invited to participate as escort in parade from Old South Church in Copley Square to annual Communion Breakfast at Mechanics Building.

The Recorder reported acceptances from over 650 Sir Knights representing 32 Commanderies, to act as escort to the Right Eminent Grand Commander at the All Masonic Night sponsored by Aleppo Temple of the Shrine to be held Saturday evening June 2, at Boston Garden. Approximately 40 Sir Knights assured the Eminent Commander of their intention to be present in uniform to represent Boston Commandery on this occasion.

The Eminent Commander declared a five minute recess for due preparation of the asylum and the work of the Order of the Temple. The Order was completed after dinner and an excellent entertainment. The following were duly knighted as members of Boston Commandery:

Robert H. Belting
Constantine H. Chaprales
Antonio Farfares

After appropriate devotions the Commandery was closed.

Attest:

Robert Gardner Wilson
Recorder

A Special Conclave of Boston Commandery of Knights Templar was convened in the Armory, Masonic Temple, Boston, on Sunday, May 20, 1956, for the purpose of attending Communion and acting as escort for the Sixth Annual Communion Breakfast parade sponsored by the Protestant Laymen of Boston.

The Eminent Commander called the meeting to order at 6.30 A.M., after which a special bus transported Sir Knights from the Temple to the New Old South Church in Copley Square where they received communion in a body at services conducted by our own Associate Prelate Rev. Sir Frederick M. Meek. Marching behind Aleppo Temple Shrine Band forty Sir Knights paraded to Mechanics Building for breakfast and a most impressive meeting.

Following the benediction, the Sir Knights returned to the Commandery asylum and were dismissed at 9.45 A.M. Attendance 46.

Attest:

Robert Gardiner Wilson
Recorder.

A regular Stated Conclave of Boston Commandery of Knights Templar was opened by the Eminent Commander at 7 P.M. on Wednesday, June 20, 1956 in the Commandery Armory, 51 Boylston Street, Boston, with all officers present except the Captain General and the Warder, the latter officer being excused due to absence from the Commonwealth.

The minutes of the Conclave held May 16, 1956 were read and approved.

It was reported that on May 23, through courtesy of De Molay Commandery, the following received the Orders of Red Cross and Malta:

Ernest V. Tate
Peter S. Vasil
Harold W. Haase
Wesley M. Goff Jr.
Leon M. Nolker

It was further reported that on May 28, likewise through courtesies of De Molay Commandery, the Order of the Temple was received by the above five Sir Knights, together with

Lester C. Gustin Jr.

The Recorder read communication from Second Bank - State Street Trust Company, executor under the will of our late Sir Knight Dr. Walter F. Winchester of 18 Englewood Avenue, Brookline, who passed away March 28, 1956. Article 4 of the will of Sir Knight Winchester provides for a bequest of \$3000 to Boston Commandery "absolutely". The necessary one year period following appointment of the executor expires May 23, 1957.

On motion duly made it was voted to grant requested demits to

Evan J. Jones Eldon J. Joliffe
Edgar M. Pierce Herluf J. Nelson

It was voted to comply with recent written request by Sir Knight William J. Parkins, now of 4651 N.E. 3rd Terrace, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and revoke the action of Boston Commandery taken on March 21, 1956 granting this Sir Knight a demit.

Application for the Orders, dated May 26, 1956, was read from

George Francis Gilch Jr.
107 Norwich Circle
West Medford, Massachusetts

Communication from the Secretary of Altemont Lodge of Peterborough, New Hampshire, was read, advising of Seventh Annual St. John's Day Service scheduled at the Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, New Hampshire, at 11 A.M. on Sunday, June 24'th, weather permitting.

On motion of Eminent Sir Budreau it was voted to suspend Commandery work during the months of July and August.

The Commander reported plans of some 38 Sir Knights to attend the joint St. John's Day Outing of Portland, Boston, and Rochester, New Hampshire, Commanderies scheduled for Saturday, June 23, 1956, at Sebasco Estates Phippsburg, Maine.

The Recorder reported on the effective display made by 674 uniformed Sir Knights from 32 Commanderies at the All Masonic Night sponsored by Aleppo Temple of the Shrine at the Boston Garden on Saturday evening, June second, and which was led by our Eminent Commander and 40 Sir Knights of Boston Commandery.

The Recorder reported 15 Sir Knights still in arrears for 1954 dues despite recent notices of same forwarded each of these delinquents on March 23, 1956. On motion duly made it was voted that all proper steps be taken for suspension, in accordance with the provisions of Article XI Section 8 of the By Laws of Boston Commandery, and Section 174, 175 and 176 of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment.

There being no further business to come before the Commandery the Eminent Commander declared Boston Commandery closed.

Attest:

Robert Gardiner Wilson
Recorder.

The 155'th Annual Conclave of Boston Commandery was opened promptly at 5 p.m. in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, Boston on Wednesday September 19, 1956, Eminent Commander John Reid presiding, with all officers present except the Captain General.

The records of our regular stated Conclave held June 20/56 were read and approved, following the customary devotions.

The Recorder reported requests for dimits from John I. Mull Dr. Earl Scammon Ralph C. Ward, Arthur C. Totman, Richard H. Bateman, William V. Young, and Walter L. Wilson,--a total of 7 which were granted.

The Recorder reported that notices in compliance with the requirements of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment, and the By Laws of Boston Commandery, had been given 12 Sir Knights that they would stand suspended unless outstanding dues were paid by September 19, 1956. The following were thereupon suspended: Albert G. Hayden of Shrewsbury (suspended by Mount Hollis Lodge October 18, 1955); James M. Park Jr. of Scarborough, Maine (suspended by Hammatt Lodge April 11, 1955); Henry A.W. Thompson of Exeter, N.H. (suspended by Revere Lodge Oct. 4, 1955); Carl F. Carlson of Watertown (suspended by Aleppo Temple April 21, 1955); George E. Saunders of Lexington (suspended by Aleppo Temple April 12, 1955); Henry R. Fickbohm of Cambridge; Samuel E. Gazan Jr. of Lexington; Lester W. Linsz of Euclid, Ohio; Karl G. Magnuson of Auburndale; Harrington B. Wyand of Roslindale; Kwock Tim Yee of Honolulu, suspended by Revere Lodge Oct. 4, 1955; and Newton C. Browder of Boston,--a total of 12.

It was reported that the following 5 applications were still on file following favorable action: Paul T. Souliotis of Newton, Thomas D. Hatch of Saugus, Brenton W. Millbury of Winthrop, Ernest E. Lindberg of Humarock, and Harold A. Congdon Jr. of Boston. The applications Eugene C. Dasch Jr. of Winthrop was directed to be withdrawn by the Eminent Commander. New applications not yet voted upon were reported on file from George F. Gilch Jr. of West Medford, Charles A. Moore of Wakefield, William T. Nelson of Burlington, John W. Berquist of Bedford, and Lloyd E. Allen of Arlington--a total of 5.

The Eminent Commander then reported the following four deaths and the customary tribute was paid to the memory of these Sir Knights.

A. Oram Fulton, of 1 Louisberg Square, Boston, born 9/3/1885
Member of Fraternal Lodge, and Orient Chapter
Knighted 11/16/1949
Died Feb. 20, 1956

George N. Stevens, of 59 Walker St., Somerville
Born 1/19/1894
Member of John Abbott Lodge, and Somerville Chapter
Knighted 3/21/1923
Died April 4, 1956

William T. Kinney, of 23 Taft Ave., Winthrop born 9/14/1913
Member of Peace & Concord Lodge #445
Grand Lodge of Scotland, and Peace Universal Chapter, Grand R.A. Chapter of Scotland in Callao, Peru
Knighted in Winthrop Commandery 12/5/50
Member Boston Commandery by consolidation on February 20, 1952
Died April 21, 1956

Jesse E. Ames, of Boston
Member of Columbian Lodge, and St. Andrews Chapter
Knighted April 15, 1896
Died August 12, 1956

The Eminent Commander then called for reading of the Annual Reports of the Recorder, Treasurer, Trustees, and Finance Committee, all of which were read and unanimously approved. The report by the Treasurer disclosed a book valuation of \$182,321.08 for the financial assets of Boston Commandery, and a market value of \$235,744.02, --representing a paper increase amounting to \$53,422.94; the income yield was reported to be over \$8000 or approximately 4 1/2 per cent. The Anniversary Endowment Fund was reported \$3102.13 as against \$2407.24 one year ago. The report of the Recorder disclosed a membership of 1230 as of September 1, 1956, consisting of 1110 due members, and 120 life members, plus 1 honorary member. This represented a net gain of two for the year. Unpaid dues were reported to be \$1473 due from 105 members, as against \$1585 unpaid by 97 members as of September 1/55, one year ago.

The Report of the Nominating Committee was then presented by the Chairman Rt. Em. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson Jr., the members of the Committee besides the Chairman being Sir Knights James S. W. Rogers, Herman C. McStay, James C. Bayley, Rowland D. Crook, Burton G. Gillespie, and Ralph Libby. It was announced that Sir Knight Francis R. Heiliggmann, our present Captain General, due to other commitments, was not a candidate for advancement at this time. The Eminent Commander appointed two groups of tellers, and the following officers were chosen by written ballot to serve Boston Commandery for the year 1956-1957:

Eminent Commander
Generalissimo
Captain General
Prelate
Treasurer
Recorder
Senior Warden
Junior Warden
Trustee for 3 years

Charles D. Harrington
Howard L. MacOdrum
George Locus
Rev. Charles E. Pedersen
Frank B. Ellis
Robert Gardiner Wilson Jr.
Robert S. Andrews
Frankland W.L. Miles
James S.W. Rogers

A Committee of all Past Commanders present, with Em. Sir Herman C. McStay as Chairman, was delegated to escort Sir Knight Harrington to the Asylum where he was officially notified of his unanimous election, and accepted with thanks.

Appointments announced by the newly elected Eminent Commander included those of Standard Bearer Sir Knight Charles W.S. Skinner; Sword Bearer, Sir Kt. Gordon F. Luther; Warder Sir Kt. Henry E. Castellon; and Sentinel, Sir Kt. Emil W.K. Zepp.

A motion by Em. Sir Herman C. McStay that a further sum \$250 be paid out of the general funds to the Alfred C. Blake Fund, as part of plans for suitable recognition of Past Commander Blake's expected elevation to the office of Grand Commander in a few years, was unanimously passed.

Em. Sir Harold Budreau addressed the Commandery as follows:

The By Laws of Boston Commandery stipulate that all Past Commanders are Honorary Members and, as such, it has been customary for many years to exempt them from annual dues. The statutes of Grand Encampment, however, explicitly provide that no member is exempt from dues. This conflict of regulation leaves the status of our Past Commanders rather uncertain. To correct this situation, I offer the following Motion:

That the sum of \$150 be transferred from the General Fund to the Life Membership Fund of Boston Commandery to pay for a Life Membership for our out-going Commander, John Reid, making him an Honorary Life Member, and that this be established as a precedent to cover all future Commanders of Boston Commandery on the completion of their term of office. It is to be definitely understood that this action will not prevent a Past Commander from purchasing a Life Membership in his own right, should he so desire."

Motion passed unanimously.

Eminent Commander, and Sir Knights

Your Committee appointed to present a list of nominations for election to office in Boston Commandery for the year 1956-1957 present the following:

For Eminent Commander	Sir. Charles D. Harrington
For Generalissimo	Sir Howard L. MacOdrum
For Captain General	Sir George Locus
For Prelate	Rev. Sir Charles E. Pedersen
For Senior Warden	Sir Robert S. Andrews
For Junior Warden	Sir Frankland W. L. Miles
For Treasurer	Em. Sir Frank B. Ells
For Recorder	Rt. Em. Sir R. G. Wilson Jr.
For Trustee for 3 years	Em. Sir James S.W. Rogers

Courteously and fraternally submitted

Robert Gardiner Wilson
Chairman

Rowland J. Crook

James R. Logan

Burton G. Gillespie

Ralph Miller

James C. Bayly

James G. Rugg

A recess was then taken, at 6.30 p.m. Following an excellent roast beef dinner for Sir Knights and their ladies catered by Dora Ferguson, the Sir Knights and their guests reassembled in the Asylum for the ceremony of installation of officers by Rt. Em. Robert Gardiner Wilson Jr., assisted by Em. Sir Herman C. McStay. Following official announcement of due and proper installation of all officers of Boston Commandery for the ensuing year, our 1955-1956 line of officers executed an effective and colorful Inspection and Review. Em. Sir James C. Bayley ably filled the vacancy in the office of Captain General. Our Right Eminent Grand Commander Mortimer W. Schroeder, accompanied by other past and present Grand Commandery officers present, made the inspection, and our Rt. Em. Grand Commander complimented Boston Commandery on the excellent work.

Brief and appropriate remarks were made by the Rt. Em. Grand Commander, and our newly elected Eminent Commander outlined his plans and hopes for the coming Templar year.

After devotions the Commandery was thereupon duly closed.

Attest:

Rt. Em. Gardiner Wilson Jr.
Recorder.

REPORT OF RECORDER

155'th Annual Meeting
Boston Commandery K.T.
Wednesday, September 19, 1956

Membership:

As reported September 21, 1955	1228	
Knighted during year (Schedule A)	33	
Reinstated (Schedule B)	1	
Affiliated (Schedule C)	3	
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Deductions

Deaths (Schedule D)	18	
Dimits (Schedule B)	9	
Suspended (Schedule F)	8	
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Membership as of September 1, 1956: 1230 (net gain 2)

Membership as of September 1, 1956:

Due members	1110
Life members	120
Honorary	1
N.B. Applications pending 9 (Schedule G)	

Financial:

Unpaid dues as of September 1955 due from 97 members \$1585
Unpaid dues as of September 1956 due from 105 members 1473
(Schedule H)

Dues collected:	1954 and prior dues	\$930
	1955-1956 dues	10274
	1956-1957 dues in advance	75
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		\$11,279.

Affiliation Fees	20
Reinstatement fees	45
Orders	1750
Miscellaneous	700
Refunds (including Permanent Fund \$2000)	2581.50
Dinners	1585.50
Received sale Pops tickets	240
Life membership fee	150
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	7072

Total received \$18351.

SCHEDULE A

9. Tudor Jones 155 Strathmore Road, Brighton
Born 6/21/17 (Mass.
Bethesda Lodge, St. Paul's Chap.
Elected Nov. 16, 1955, Red Cross
and Malta Nov. 16/55
Knighted Dec. 7, 1955
10. James Oliphant Munn 25 Cutler St., Belmont, Mass.
Born 11/25/1918
Belmont Lodge, St. Andrews Chap.
Elected Sept. 21, 1955, Red
Cross & Malta Nov. 16/55
Knighted Dec. 7, 1955
11. Arthur Julius Hansen 77 Winter Street, Cambridge
Born 5/14/1928
Charles River Lodge, St. Andrews
Chap. Elected Oct. 19, 1955
Red Cross & Malta Nov. 16/55
Knighted Dec. 7, 1955
12. Cecil P. Murray 15 Mystic Ave., Medford, Mass.
Born 11/13/1907
St. Andrews Lodge #83 of Me.
Mystic Chapter
Elected Nov. 16, 1955, Red Cross
And Malta Nov. 16/55
Knighted Dec. 7, 1955
13. Richard Irving Robinson 165 Tahattawan Rd., Littleton,
Born 12/17/1917 (Mass.
Tahattawan Lodge, St. Paul's Chap
Elected Nov. 16, 1955 Red Cross
and Malta Nov. 16/55
Knighted Dec. 7, 1955
14. William Joseph Richardson 69 Brand St., Arlington. Mass.
Born 12/5/1928
Amicable Lodge, Cambridge Chap.
Elected Nov. 16, 1955, Red Cross
and Malta Nov. 16/55
Knighted Dec. 7, 1955
15. Chris George Georgakles 65 Strathmore Rd., Brookline Mass
Born 9/12/1927
St. John's Lodge, St. Paul's Chap
Elected Nov. 16/55, Red Cross &
Malta Nov. 16/55
Knighted Dec. 7. 1955
16. George Chris Georgakles 269 Mason Terrace, Brookline
Born 4/23/1899, St. John's Lodge
St. Paul's Chap. Elected Nov. 16/55
Red Cross & Malta Nov. 16/55
Knighted Dec. 7, 1955

SCHEDULE A

17. Joseph Pawl 8 Garrison St., Boston
Born 4/23/1899
Zetland Lodge, St. Andrews
Elected Nov. 16/55 (Chap
Red Cross & Malta 11/16/55
Knighted Dec. 7, 1955
18. Roland Charles Clement 17 Richard Circle, Woburn
Born 7/26/1904, Flint Lodge
#23 Michigan, St. Andrews
Elected 11/16/55 Red (Chap.
Cross & Malta Nov. 16/55
Knighted Dec. 7, 1955
19. Sarkis Boghosian Jr. 36 Orvis Rd., Arlington, Mass
Born 7/28/1921, Hiram Lodge
Menotomy Chapter. Elected
Nov. 16, 1955. Red Cross &
Malta 11/16/55
Knighted Dec. 7, 1955
20. Frank C. Blenkhorn 128 Ashcroft St. Dedham
Born 6/20/1905 Riverside Lodge
#9 of R.I., St. Andrews Chap
R.I. Elected Nov. 16/55. Red
Cross & Malta Nov. 16/55
Knighted Dec. 7, 1955
21. Gordon S. Borek 60 Seaview Ave., Marblehead
Born 11/17/29, Galilean Lodge
Bethesda Chapter. Elected
Dec. 7/55 Red Cross & Malta
at Reading Commandery 2/13/56
Knighted Feb. 15, 1956
22. Dr. Charles Toutoulas Mooney 1145 Mass. Ave., Lexington
Born 8/15/1913, Lodge of
Sterling, Menotomy Chapter
Elected Jan. 18/56 Red Cross
and Malta at Reading Comman-
dery Knighted Feb. 15, 1956
23. Lester Carlisle Gustin Jr. 10 Hillcrest Pkwy. Winchester
Born 12/21/16 Mt. Lebanon
Lodge, St. Andrews Chapter
Elected 2/15/56 Red Cross &
Malta April 18/56 Knighted
May 28/56 in De Molay
24. Robert H. Belting 30 Gloucester St., Boston
Born 8/3/1919 Milton Lodge
St. Andrews Chap. Elected
2/15/56 Red Cross & Malta
4/18/56 Knighted May 16/56

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25. Ernest V. Tate 1589 Beacon St., Waban, Mass.
Born 4/13/1900 Joseph Webb
Lodge. St. Paul's Chapter
Elected Feb. 15/56 Red Cross &
Malta May 23/56 in De Molay
Knighthood May 28, 1956 in DeMolay
26. Jasper Andrew Lane 177 Waltham St. Lexington, Mass
Born 10/6/1888 S.W. Robinson
Lodge, Somerville Chapter
Elected Jan. 18/56 Red Cross
and Malta Feb. 13/56 at Reading
Commandery Knighted Feb. 15/56
27. Constantine A. Chaprales 6 Rawson Rd., Arlington
Born 6/7/1925 Amicable Lodge
Cambridge Chapter Elected
2/15/56 Red Cross & Malta
4/18/56 Knighted May 16, 1956
28. Richard A. Benson 282 Cypress St., Brookline
Born 6/14/29 Brookline Lodge
St. Paul's Chapter Elected
Jan. 18/56 Red Cross & Malta
Feb. 13/56 at Reading Comman-
dery Knighted Feb. 15, 1956
29. Antonio Farfares 14 Leonard Rd., Lexington
Born 2/15/14 Hesperia Lodge
Menotomy Chapter. Elected April
18/56 Red Cross & Malta
April 18/56 Knighted May 16/56
30. Peter Stephen Vasil 15 Wellesley Rd., Belmont
Born 11/18/07 St. Paul's Lodge
St. Paul's Chapter Elected May
18/56 Red Cross & Malta May 23
in De Molay Knighted May 28/56
in De Molay
31. Harold William Haase 1A Ave. #8-74 Zona 9 Guatamala
C.A. Born 10/12/06 La Luz
Lodge #3, Guatamala Chap. #1
Elected 5/15/56 Red Cross &
Malta May 23 in De Molay
Knighted May 28, 56 in De Molay
32. Wesley Maynard Goff Jr. 16 Ware St., Cambridge, Mass.
Born 7/26/1914 St. John's Lodge
St. Andrews Chap. Elected
May 15, 1956 Red Cross & Malta
May 23 in De Molay Knighted
May 28, 1956 in De Molay

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33. Leon M. Nolker

32 Sidlaw Rd., Brighton, Mass.
Born 4/16/1906
West Roxbury Lodge, Roslindale
Chapter Elected May 15, 1956
Red Cross & Malta May 23/56 in
De Molay
Knighted

SCHEDULE B

REINSTATEMENT

1. Isaac Hodgen Jr.

50 Pleasant St. Winthrop
Born 7/19/1870
Charles W. Moore Lodge
Apollo Chapter #48 of N.Y.
Reinstated Boston Commandery
December 7, 1955

SCHEDULE C

AFFILIATIONS

1. Jonathon Sansome

557 Summer St., Arlington
Born 8/14/1886
Hiram Lodge, Menotomy Chapter
Affiliated Boston Commandery
from Reading Commandery 9/21/55

2. Ralph Thomas

92 Ronald Rd., Arlington
Born 10/13/1894
Galilean Lodge Hebron Chapter
Affiliated Boston Commandery
from Temple Commandery 9/21/55

3. Arthur L. Albee

45 Parley Avenue, Jamaica Plain
Born 5/24/1887
Hyde Park Lodge Mount Vernon Chap
Affiliated Boston Commandery
from St. Bernard Commandery 5/15/55

SCHEDULE D

DEATHS

1. Alexander Bender, 67 Payson Road, Belmont
Born October 3, 1867
Member of Belmont Lodge & Belmont Chapter
Knighted in Boston Commandery May 21, 1924
Died October 17, 1955
2. Thomas Phelps Leonard, of 14 Harriet Ave., Belmont
Born May 22, 1902
Member of Mount Olivet Lodge and Cambridge Royal Arch
Knighted in Boston Commandery Oct. 18/50 (Chapter
Died November 21, 1955
3. Theodore N. Waddell, of 9 Maple Road, Winthrop, Mass.
Born April 4, 1876
Member of Proctorville Lodge #550 of Ohio, and Winthrop
Knighted in William Parkman Commandery 12/12/23 (Chapter
Joined Boston Commandery by consolidation 2/20/52
Died November 28, 1925
4. John E. Caulkins, of 59 Commonwealth Ave., Boston
Born May 7, 1882
Member of Brainard Lodge #102 of Connecticut, St. Andrews
Knighted in Boston Commandery June 15, 1921 (Chapter
Died December 5, 1955
5. Henry J. Duemmling, of 266 West Newton St., Boston
Born February 19, 1892
Member of Joseph Webb Lodge and St. Paul's Chapter
Knighted in Boston Commandery April 16, 1952
Died December 17, 1955
6. Frank G. Balcom, of 3 Chester Ave., Winthrop
Born November 5, 1872
Member Doric Lodge #78 of N.H. and Winthrop Chapter
Knighted in Boston Commandery April 9, 1914
7. Charles Elijah Carlton, of 33 Agassiz St., Cambridge
Born August 1, 1872
Member of Mizpah Lodge, and Cambridge Chapter
Knighted in Boston Commandery December 18, 1901
Died January 24, 1956
8. Dr. Frank Andrew Hamilton, of 1381 Commonwealth Ave. Bos
Born August 1, 1872
Member The Harvard Lodge, and St. Andrew's Chapter
Knighted in Boston Commandery June 17, 1953
Died February 12, 1956

SCHEDULE D

DEATHS

9. Arthur G. Saben, 75 Federal Street, Boston
Born September 29, 1899
Member of Seaview Lodge & St. Andrews Chapter
Knighted in Boston Commandery March 17, 1924
Died February 20, 1956
10. Clyde B. Dinsmoor, 8 Meredith Ave., Newton Highlands
Born July 23, 1888
Member of St. John's Lodge & St. Andrews Chapter
Knighted in Boston Commandery May 16, 1951
Died March 10, 1956
11. Walter F. Winchester, 18 Englewood Ave., Brookline
Born December 24, 1874
Member of Columbian Lodge & St. Paul's Chapter
Knighted in Boston Commandery Nov. 17, 1915
Died March 28, 1956
12. Charles F. Tarbox, 27 Willard St., East Braintree
Born June 9, 1884
Member of Delta Lodge & Pentalpha Chapter
Knighted in Boston Commandery Feb. 18, 1953
Died October 28, 1954
13. John B. Proudfoot, 174 Westminster St., Arlington
Born March 1, 1885
Member of Hiram Lodge & Menotomy Chapter
Knighted Boston Commandery March 19, 1928
Died May 31, 1955
14. John J. Conway
Born May 29, 1878
Member John Abbott Lodge & Somerville Chapter
Knighted Boston Commandery March 19, 1928
Died May 31, 1955
15. George C. L. Hooper
Born September 17, 1870
Member Washington Lodge & St. Andrews Chapter
Knighted Boston Commandery March 21, 1923
Died July 22, 1955
16. Ernest A. Telfer
Born January 4, 1895
Member Mizpah Lodge & Cambridge Chapter
Knighted Boston Commandery March 14, 1921
Died August 20, 1955

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17. Lindsey W. Churchill
Born December 18, 1879
Member Winthrop Lodge & Winthrop Chapter
Knighthood Winthrop Commandery May 7, 1929 joined
Boston Commandery by consolidation February 20, 1952
Died August 21, 1955
18. Jess E. Clark
Born February 9, 1885
Member Mt. Scopus Lodge & St. Paul's Chapter
Knighthood Boston Commandery January 17, 1951
Died August 31, 1955

SCHEDULE E

DIMITS

1. Edward H. Kneale, on February 15, 1956
2. Rupert F. Giles, on April 18, 1956
3. Emil W. Miller, on April 18, 1956
4. Charles J. Malnate, on May 15, 1956
5. Elwood G. Bryant Jr., on May 15, 1956
6. Eldon J. Jolliffe, on June 20, 1956
7. Herluf J. Nelson, on June 20, 1956
8. Evan J. Jones, on June 20, 1956
9. Edgar M. Pierce, on June 20, 1956

SCHEDULE F

SUSPENDED

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| 1. William Kenneth Burgess | 4. Lennart M. Lindgren |
| 2. William R. Federico | 5. James Gabriel MacDonald |
| 3. John Stanley Fudge | 6. Harold George McLaughlin |
| 7. George N. Stoddart | |
| 8. Ralph E. Tryder | |

Schedule G

PENDING

1. Paul Thomas Souliotis 693 Center St., Newton
Born 1/6/1913
Amicable Lodge, St. Paul's Chap.
Elected April 21, 1954
2. Francis D. Hatch 319 Central St., Saugus
Born 9/27/1899
William Sutton Lodge, H.J. Mills
Chapter
Elected June 16, 1954
3. Eugene Carl Dasch Jr. 44 Cottage Park Rd., Winthrop
Born 2/24/1933
Winthrop Lodge, St. Paul's Chap
Elected Jan. 19, 1955
4. Brenton W. Millbury 85 Herman St., Winthrop
Born 8/11/1901
Winthrop Lodge, Winthrop Chap.
Elected April 20, 1955
5. Ernest Enoch Lindberg Box A, Humarock, Mass.
Born 1/8/1895
Norfolk Lodge, Winthrop Chap.
Elected May 18, 1955
6. Harold Ashton Congdon Jr. 18 Allen St., Boston
Born 9/30/1900
Harmony Lodge #9 of R.I.
St. Andrews Chapter
Elected April 18, 1956
7. George Francis Gilch Jr. 107 Norwich Circle, W. Medford
Born 5/16/1920
Sagamore Lodge, Cambridge Chap
8. Charles Arthur Moore Wakefield, Mass.
Born 2/13/1918
Golden Rule Lodge, St. Andrews
Chapter
9. William T. Nelson Crawford Rd., Burlington, Mass.
Born 12/17/1916
Simon W. Robinson Lodge, Woburn
Chapter

SCHEDULE H

OUTSTANDING DUES SEPTEMBER 1, 1956

Frank B. Adams	\$10	John G. McKay	10
Harold R. Bates	10	George Muir 2nd	20
Howard A. Baxendale	10	Theodore T. Mets	10
Arthur E. Blakeney	20	James G.A. Mitchell	10
Darwin J. Bone	10	William H. Mumler Jr.	10
Orville G. Brandon	20	William L. Morrison	10
Newton Clarence Browder	30	William W. Nelson	10
Dr. Roy R. Brown	10	Peter Nicholson	10
Herbert L. Budreau	10	Arthur R. Nickerson	10
Thomas P. Butcher	3	Pierre A. Northrop	20
Horace T. Cahill	10	Henry W. Palmer	10
Louis J. Callas	10	James M. Park Jr.	30
Carl E. Carlson	30	Ralph E. Perkins	10
Vernon E. Chandler	10	Clarence A. Poole	10
Jonh A. Christensen Jr.	10	Edward E. Ransom	10
Walter L. Clark	10	Howard S. Reynolds	20
Arthur B. Colgate	10	Irving Rohrbacher	30
Ardash M. Comjean	10	Robert J. Roulston	10
Carl B. Crisp	20	Mathias B.T. Royle	5
Lewis G. Curtis	10	Harrison Rust	10
Dr. William A. Dowd Jr.	10	Wendell R. Ryerson	10
William H. Errgong	10	Touffee E. Sabby	20
Antonio Farfares	5	George E. Saunders	30
John N. Farwell	10	John W. Schaeffer	20
Henry R. Fickbohm	30	Frank K. Scott	10
Samuel E. Gazan Jr.	30	James N. Sears	10
James A. Georgantas	10	Charles H. Seavey	20
Ashton L. Goddard	20	Ernest K. Shaw	10
Theophilus J. Gomasos	10	Dr. Francis Shaw	10
Hervey A. Hanscom	10	Edmund J. Shattuck	10
Robert H. Haselton	10	Maxwell M. Sherman	10
Albert G. Hayden	30	Arthur E. Sias	10
James Hedges	10	Oscar Smith Jr.	20
William G. Heyd	10	Paul J. Stamatos	10
Curtis Hicks	10	Sarkis Stepanian	10
Oscar F. Jacobson	10	Elias Stephens	10
Norman A. Jorgensen	10	John W. Stewart	10
Ralph D. Joslin	10	Irwin V. Stuart	20
Francis Juggins	10	Ethan Allen Stuart	10
James C. Kaddaras	10	Yereant Surabian	10
Frank C. Kenney	10	William V. Taintor	10
George E. Kent	10	George J. Tallas	20
David E. Kirby	10	Henry A.W. Thompson	30
Constantine J. Kostas	20	Harry C. Tragakis	15
W/O Lucyan Lada	20	James Tragakis	15
Russell A. Lang	10	Clarence W. Wallace	10
Curtis S. Leonard	10	Leonard Cliff Webb	10
Lester W. Linsz	30	Amelius Wilkes	10
John A. Lutes	20	Harrington B. Wyand	30
William T. MacDonald	10	Kwock Tim Yee	30
Karl G. Magnuson	30	Clarence Henry Zarse	10
E. Carl Matheson	10	Byron J. Zedros	20
		Philip Zentackos	10

1	@	3	=	3
2	@	5	=	10
70	@	10	=	700
2	@	15	=	30
17	@	20	=	340
13	@	30	=	390

105 accounts

\$1473

Compared with September 1, 1955 which showed
97 accounts owing \$1585

A Stated Conclave of Boston Commandery was held in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, Boston, on Wednesday, October 17, 1956 opening promptly at 5.45 P.M. with Eminent Commander Charles D. Harrington presiding and all officers present except the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden, and the Treasurer. The Generalissimo resumed his familiar duties as Senior Warden and the Captain General the duties of Junior Warden.

After customary devotions, the records of the Annual Conclave held September 19, 1956 were read and approved.

By unanimous vote Sir Knights George E. Saunders and James M. Park Jr. were re-instated to membership, arrears reported on September 19 having since been cleared..

The Recorder read the application of Companion Louis S. Martone of Arlington.

Reports being favorable and proper releases of jurisdiction having been received the following Companions were elected to receive the Orders:

George Francis Gilch Jr. of W. Medford
Charles Arthur Moore of Wakefield
William L. Nelson of Burlington
John William Berquist of Bedford
Lloyd Edward Allen of Arlington

After closing devotions, the Eminent Commander declared the Commandery closed, and the Sir Knights then adjourned for dinner served by Seiler. A total of 149 Sir Knights thereupon enjoyed an inspiring address by the Rev. John P. Fitzsimmons of the Plymouth Congregationalist Church in Belmont: "Two Chaplains AWOL". The address was followed by professional entertainment.

Robert G. Anderson Wilson

Recorder

Attest

A Stated Conclave of Boston Commandery was held in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, 51 Boylston Street, Boston, on Wednesday, November 21, 1956, opening at 5.50 P.M. with Eminent Commander Charles D. Harrington presiding, and all officers present except the Junior Warden and Treasurer. Our Junior Warden arrived later to participate in the work of the evening; Eminent Sir Frank B. Ells, our Treasurer, was reported as recovering very satisfactorily after a serious operation.

After the usual devotions. the records of our Conclave held on October 17, 1956 were read and approved.

The Recorder read the applications of Companions Cornelius Jay Robinson of Scituate, Harry P. Northway Jr. of Belmont, Gustaf Richard Anderson of Lynn, and Lawrence H. Sparks of Arlington.

Favorable ballot was then taken on the applications of Companions Louis S. Martone of Arlington, Harry P. Northway Jr., and Lawrence H. Sparks of Arlington.

The Eminent Commander reported notice of the following deaths and appropriate respect was paid to our departed Sir Knights

Sidney F. Day

314 Summer St., East Boston
Born December 27, 1882
Member of Hammatt Lodge and
St. John's Chapter
Knighted April 26, 1922
Died May 17, 1956

Louis V. Joyce

11 A Lakeview Road, Winchester
Born June 7, 1879
Member of John Abbot Lodge and
Somerville Chapter Knighted 5/17/22
Died July 23, 1956

William W. Cummings

43 Cushing Ave., Belmont
Born July 20, 1884 Wollaston Lodge
St. Stephen Chapter
Knighted March 18, 1931
Died August 1, 1956

Ralph H. Lindsay

250 Beacon St., Boston
Born 4/29/1899
Member of St. John's Lodge and
St. Andrews Chapter
Knighted June 20, 1951
Died August 2, 1956

The Commandery was then opened on the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, and following an excellent Seiler supper, the following Companions witnessed an excellent exemplification of the work in full form:

Ernest Enoch Lindberg	John William Berquist
Harold Ashton Congdon Jr.	Lloyd Edward Allen
George Francis Gilch Jr.	Louis S. Martone
Charles Arthur Moore	Harry P. Northway Jr.
William Lester Nelson	Lawrence H. Sparks

As a knightly courtesy to De Molay Commandery of Boston, the following Companions also received the Order:

Peter Paul Bargis	Nicholas Theodore Ravanis
John James Petrelis	Charles Abraham Mabardy

The Commandery was then opened on the Order of Malta which was received by the above fourteen candidates under the direction of Sir Knight George Locus our Captain General.

After the customary devotions the Commandery was duly closed by the Eminent Commander.

Attendance 160

Attest

Phil Gardiner Wilson
Recorder

A Stated Conclave of Boston Commandery was held in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, 51 Boylston Street, Boston, on Wednesday, December 19, 1956 opening promptly with all officers present except the Generalissimo and Junior Warden both of whom arrived later in the evening.

After the customary devotions the records of our November 21 Conclave were read and approved.

Action was then taken on reinstatement and dimit for Sir Knight Carl F. Carlson, and dimit for Sir Knight Roy L. Westcott of North Falmouth.

Required Dispensation having been granted the Recorder moved for ballot on pending applications. Eminent Sir James Bayley urged that the names of proposed candidates be printed regularly on the notice for each meeting, except only in cases of emergency. He stated this to be his preference as Chairman of the Membership Committee, and also he expressed the feeling that most candidates desire the printing of their names. After discussion, and the exchange of some pleasantries, it was decided that Eminent Sir Bayley's request should hereafter be complied with.

On motion of the Recorder favorable ballot was then taken on the following:

Sir Knight Samuel T. Tisdale of Greenfield for affiliation
(by dimit from Bristol Commandery)

For the Orders:

Cornelius J. Robinson of Scituate
(release being granted by South Shore Commandery)

Gustaf R. Anderson of Lynn
(release being granted by Olivet Commandery)

George H. Nelson of Milton

Christopher J. Soris of Cambridge

Richard J. Tabeling of Belmont

The Eminent Commander then announced notice of the following deaths and the customary tribute was paid to our departed Sir Knights:

Payson Clark Francis of Ludlow, Vermont, born Dec. 29, 1898
Member of Winslow Lewis Lodge and Amity Chapter #160 of N.Y.
Knighted Nov. 19, 1924
Died Nov. 19, 1956

Edward C. Marchant of Arlington, born March 28, 1903
Member of Hiram Lodge and Menotomy Chapter
Knighted in Reading Commandery Jan. 27, 1948, affiliated
Boston Commandery June 20, 1951
Died June 21, 1956

James Davies of Fall River, born October 28, 1880
Member of Belcher Lodge and Unity Chapter
Knighted June 16, 1920
Died Dec. 10, 1956

Arthur E. Dorr of Boston, born Oct. 6, 1871
Member of Massachusetts Lodge and St. Paul's Chapter
Knighted June 21, 1902
Died Dec. 27, 1956

On motion of the Recorder it was voted that a Templar floral offering be sent by Boston Commandery to the bereaved mother of Eminent Sir Clyde L. Carter of St. Omer Commandery who was fatally injured on the evening of Saturday, December 16, and the Commandery stood in silent tribute. It was announced that Templar services were to be held at the Pilgrim Church in Dorchester at one o'clock on Saturday December 23. Eminent Sir Carter, in accordance with custom in recent years, was to have prepared the special libation for this evening's annual Christmas party.

Notice was given that Sir Knight George Francis Gilch Jr., who received the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and the Order of Malta in Boston Commandery on November 21, was knighted through the courtesy of Beauseant Commandery of Malden on November 26, 1956, in view of military service commitments.

Eminent Sir Frank B. Ells addressed the Commandery briefly expressing his appreciation for the many cards from Sir Knights, and solicitous visits, incident to his recent illness and operation.

There being no work, the Commandery was closed, following customary devotions, at 6.15 P.M. and the Sir Knights thereupon repaired to the banquet hall, where an excellent Seiler dinner was enjoyed, followed by entertainment and our annual Christmas festivities. Eminent Sir James C. Bayley in appropriate costume most adequately portrayed the generous patron saint of Christmas.

Attendance 188

Attest

Robert Gardner Hibbs
Recorder